

“(6) COMPENSATION.—While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Council, members of the Council shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

“(7) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than annually, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that—

“(A) describes each recommendation received from the Council during the preceding year; and

“(B) includes a statement, with respect to each such recommendation, of whether the Secretary has implemented the recommendation and, if not, a description of why the Secretary has not implemented the recommendation.

“(8) TERMINATION.—Section 14(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) (relating to termination) shall not apply to the Council.

“(9) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) MILITARY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘military support organization’ means an organization that provides support to members of the armed forces and their families with respect to education, finances, health care, employment, and overall well-being.

“(B) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘veterans service organization’ means any organization recognized by the Secretary for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.”

(5) REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES COUNSELING.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code) a report on financial literacy training and financial services counseling provided under section 992 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by this subsection, that assesses—

(A) the effectiveness of such training and counseling, which shall be determined using actual localized data similar to the Unit Risk Inventory Survey of the Army; and

(B) whether additional training or counseling is necessary for enlisted members of the Armed Forces or for officers.

(b) MODIFICATIONS TO LUMP SUM PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN RETIRED PAY.—

(1) SPOUSAL CONSENT TO LUMP SUM PAYMENT.—Subsection (b) of section 1415 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) SPOUSAL CONSENT FOR ELECTION OF LUMP SUM PAYMENT.—An eligible person who is married may not elect to receive a lump sum payment under this subsection without the concurrence of the person’s spouse, unless the eligible person establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary concerned—

“(A) that the spouse’s whereabouts cannot be determined; or

“(B) that, due to exceptional circumstances, requiring the person to seek the spouse’s consent would otherwise be inappropriate.”

(2) DISCLOSURES RELATING TO OFFER OF LUMP SUM PAYMENT.—Such section is further amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (g); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsections:

“(e) DISCLOSURES RELATING TO OFFER OF LUMP SUM PAYMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days before offering an eligible person a lump sum payment under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a notice to the person,

and the person’s spouse, if married, that includes the following:

“(A) A description of the available retirement benefit options, including—

“(i) the monthly covered retired pay that the person would receive after the person attains retirement age if the person is not already receiving such pay;

“(ii) the monthly covered retired pay that the person would receive if payments begin immediately; and

“(iii) the amount of the lump sum payment the person would receive if the person elects to receive the lump sum payment.

“(B) An explanation of how the amount of the lump sum payment was calculated, including the interest rate and mortality assumptions used in the calculation, and whether any additional benefits were included in the amount.

“(C) A description of how the option to take the lump sum payment compares to the value of the covered retired pay the person would receive if the person elected not to take the lump sum payment.

“(D) A statement of whether, by purchasing a retail annuity using the lump sum payment, it would be possible to replicate the stream of payments the person would receive if the person elected not to take the lump sum payment.

“(E) A description of the potential implications of accepting the lump sum payment, including possible benefits and reductions in such benefits, investment risks, longevity risks, and loss of protection from creditors.

“(F) A description of the tax implications of accepting the lump sum payment, including rollover options, early distribution penalties, and associated tax liabilities.

“(G) Instructions for how to accept or reject the offer of the lump sum payment and the date by which the person is required to accept or reject the offer.

“(H) Contact information for the person to obtain more information or ask questions about the option to accept the lump sum payment, including the opportunity for a one-on-one meeting with a counselor provided through the Personal Financial Counselor program or the Personal Financial Management program.

“(I) A statement that—

“(i) financial advisers (other than financial services counselors provided through the Personal Financial Counselor program or the Personal Financial Management program) may not be required to act in the best interests of the person or the person’s beneficiaries with respect to determining whether to take the lump sum payment; and

“(ii) if the person or a beneficiary of the person is seeking financial advice from a financial adviser not affiliated with the armed forces, the person or beneficiary should obtain written confirmation that the adviser is acting as a fiduciary to the person or beneficiary.

“(J) Such other information as the Secretary considers to be necessary or relevant.

“(2) FORM.—The Secretary shall ensure that any notice provided to an eligible person under paragraph (1)—

“(A) is written in manner that the Secretary determines can be understood by the average enlisted member of the armed forces; and

“(B) is presented in a manner that is not biased for or against acceptance of the offer of the lump sum payment.

“(f) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees report that—

“(1) sets forth the number of members of the armed forces who take a lump sum payment under this section; and

“(2) describes the details of the arrangements relating to taking such a payment, including—

“(A) whether members have taken a lump sum payment in exchange for reduced future benefits; and

“(B) information relating to the members who have taken a lump sum payment, such as the age and rank of such members.”

(c) TRAINING OF CERTAIN OFFICERS RELATING TO BLENDED RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each member of the Armed Forces in pay grade E-9 or below or in pay grade O-6 or below receives training with respect to the features of the Blended Retirement System.

(d) REPORT ON IMPROVED ACCESS TO THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board shall submit to Congress a plan for improving the access of members of the Armed Forces to information about the Thrift Savings Plan that—

(1) takes into account the time likely to pass between the mailing of account information to a member of the Armed Forces and the time the member is likely to receive the information; and

(2) makes recommendations for statutory changes necessary to improve such access.

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out the amendments made by this section.

**SA 3990.** Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. KELLY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KING, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 728. EVALUATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall—

(1) direct the Defense Suicide Prevention Office to collaborate with each Secretary of a military department—

(A) to develop and implement a process to ensure that individual non-clinical suicide prevention efforts are assessed for effectiveness among members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) to develop consistent suicide-related definitions to be used throughout the Department of Defense;

(2) require the use of suicide-related definitions developed under paragraph (1)(B) to be used in any updated policies of the Department of Defense or any military department; and

(3) enhance collaboration between the Defense Suicide Prevention Office and the Psychological Health Center of Excellence on the production of annual suicide reports to minimize duplication of efforts by the Department of Defense.

**SA 3991.** Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE, INC.**

No funds authorized under this Act may be made available for any purpose to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.

**SA 3992.** Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1064. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE SURFACE NAVY.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The United States Surface Navy represents the millions of sailors and thousands of ships that sail on oceans around the world to ensure the safety and freedom of Americans and all people.

(2) The Battleship IOWA is an iconic Surface Navy vessel that—

(A) served as home to hundreds of thousands of sailors from all 50 States; and

(B) is recognized as a transformational feat of engineering and innovation.

(3) In 2012, the Navy donated the Battleship IOWA to the Pacific Battleship Center, a nonprofit organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, after which the Center established the Battleship IOWA Museum at the Port of Los Angeles in Los Angeles, California.

(4) The Battleship IOWA Museum is a museum and educational institution that—

(A) has welcomed millions of visitors from across the United States and receives support from thousands of Americans throughout the United States to preserve the legacy of those who served on the Battleship IOWA and all Surface Navy ships;

(B) is home to Los Angeles Fleet Week, which has the highest public engagement of

any Fleet Week in the United States and raises awareness of the importance of the Navy to defending the United States, maintaining safe sea lanes, and providing humanitarian assistance;

(C) hosts numerous military activities, including enlistments, re-enlistments, commissionings, promotions, and community service days, with participants from throughout the United States;

(D) is a leader in museum engagement with innovative exhibits, diverse programming, and use of technology;

(E) is an on-site training platform for Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel to use for a variety of training exercises, including urban search and rescue and maritime security exercises;

(F) is a partner with the Navy in carrying out Defense Support of Civil Authorities efforts by supporting training exercises and responses to crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic;

(G) is a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education platform for thousands of students each year;

(H) is an instrumental partner in the economic development efforts along the Los Angeles waterfront by attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors annually and improving the quality of life for area residents; and

(I) provides a safe place for—

(i) veteran engagement and reintegration into the community through programs and activities that provide a sense of belonging to members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and

(ii) proud Americans to come together in common purpose to highlight the importance of service to community for the future of the United States.

(5) In January 2019, the Pacific Battleship Center received a license for the rights of the National Museum of the Surface Navy from the Navy for the purpose of building such museum aboard the Battleship IOWA at the Port of Los Angeles.

(6) The National Museum of the Surface Navy will—

(A) be the official museum to honor millions of Americans who have proudly served and continue to serve in the Surface Navy since the founding of the Navy on October 13, 1775;

(B) be a community-based and future-oriented museum that will raise awareness and educate the public on the important role of the Surface Navy in ensuring international relations, maintaining safe sea transit for free trade, preventing piracy, providing humanitarian assistance, and enhancing the role of the United States throughout the world;

(C) build on successes of the Battleship IOWA Museum by introducing new exhibits and programs with a focus on education, veterans, and community;

(D) borrow and exhibit artifacts from the Navy and other museums and individuals throughout the United States; and

(E) work with individuals from the Surface Navy community and the public to ensure that the story of the Surface Navy community is accurately interpreted and represented.

(b) DESIGNATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Battleship IOWA Museum, located in Los Angeles, California, and managed by the Pacific Battleship Center, shall be designated as the “National Museum of the Surface Navy”.

(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the National Museum of the Surface Navy shall be to—

(A) provide and support—

(i) a museum dedicated to the United States Surface Navy community; and

(ii) a platform for education, community, and veterans programs;

(B) preserve, maintain, and interpret artifacts, documents, images, stories, and history collected by the museum; and

(C) ensure that the American people understand the importance of the Surface Navy in the continued freedom, safety, and security of the United States.

**SA 3993.** Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

**SECTION 1. EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF AGGRAVATED FELONIES UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.**

(a) SHORT TITLES.—This section may be cited as the “Better Enforcement of Grievous Offenses by unNaturalized Emigrants” or the “BE GONE Act”.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (T), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (U), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(V) sexual assault and aggravated sexual violence.”.

**SA 3994.** Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

**SEC. 2. REPORT DETAILING COMPLIANCE WITH DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing compliance with the disclosure requirements for recipients of research and development funds required under section 2374b of title 10, United States Code.

**SA 3995.** Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal